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RE: UNITED STATES v. ANTHONY MURPHY - SENTENCING
LIFE PLUS 55 YEAR SENTENCE FOR ROBBERY AND DRUG CONSPIRATOR

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today the sentencing of Anthony Murphy, a/k/a "Supreme," age 31, of Rochester, New York, to a total of life plus 55 years imprisonment and a \$4,000 fine by United States District Judge Charles J. Siragusa. Murphy was convicted by a jury in Rochester on August 26, 2003, of one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base (crack cocaine), 5 kilograms or more of cocaine, and marijuana, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846, one count of conspiracy to affect commerce by robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, two counts of using, carrying or possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and one count of using, carrying or possessing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, each in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c), as well as one count of possession of a firearm and ammunition by a previously-convicted felon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g).

Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank H. Sherman, who tried the case along with Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Kelly, stated that Murphy conspired with other persons, both known and unknown, during the time period from 1993 to January 2002, to distribute cocaine base, cocaine and marijuana in the Rochester, New York, area. Murphy was found to be responsible for conspiring to distribute at least 1.5 kilograms of crack cocaine in the Rochester area. AUSA Sherman stated that, between September 1997 and May 2001, Murphy also conspired to affect commerce by the robbery of money and controlled substances from individuals engaged in the unlawful distribution and possession of controlled substances, including cocaine, cocaine base and heroin. The evidence established Murphy's violent participation in four robberies of drug dealers and an attempted robbery, including one involving Murphy's murder of the victim by strangulation and his later shooting of one of his co-conspirators in the robbery, one involving the abduction and use of a steam iron to burn the victim, and another involving a home invasion and the beating of the female victim and her mother, as well as four drug-related burglaries. In addition, Murphy was shown to have possessed firearms, including a Mac 11 assault weapon, during his participation in the drug and robbery conspiracy offenses.

Citing the devastating impact of the illegal drug trade and related violence on the community, Judge Siragusa found Murphy to be a "danger to the community" who earned a life sentence without parole. Judge Siragusa told Murphy that he deserved to die in prison.

This sentencing of Anthony Murphy in federal court results from an OCDETF investigation on the part of the Drug Enforcement Administration, assisted by the Rochester Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New York State Police.

The sentencing for one of Murphy's co-defendants, Damien Lott, is scheduled for May 18, 2005, in front of Hon. Charles J. Siragusa, United States District Judge. Another of Murphy's co-defendants, Terrance Stinson, was sentenced to a total of 60 years imprisonment and a \$4,000 fine by Judge Siragusa.

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